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SUBJ: PRC-JAPAN PEACE FRIENDSHIP TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: IN LATEST TALKS, HEGEMONY ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED BUT CHINESE HAVE SECRETLY AGREED TO BEGIN DRAFTING PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH JAPANESE. WE SENSE THAT SOLUTION TO HEGEMONY ISSUE AS MUCH A PROBLEM OF TIMING AS SUBSTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING LATEST ROUND OF TALKS ON PRC/JAPAN PEACE FRIENDSHIP TREATY (PFT), VICE FONMIN TOGO AND PRC AMB CHEN CHU MADE NO PROGRESS ON "HEGEMONY ISSUE". FONOFF CHINA DIV (OGURA) INFORMED US THAT DURING HOUR AND HALF TALKS MARCH 4 AMB CHEN MAINTAINED HARD POSITION, INSISTING THAT CLAUSE OPPOSING HEGEMONY BE INCLUDED IN TREATY. TOGO REITERATED REASONS JAPAN OPPOSED. OGURA SAID GOJ HAS NOT YET PROPOSED ANY ALTERNATIVE FORMULA, SUCH AS ONE BEING BANDIED IN PRESS WHICH WOULD COVER HEGEMONY ISSUE IN SAME WAY AS TAIWAN IS
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BEING HANDLED, BY REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO '72 COMMUNIQUE

IN PREAMBLE TO PFT. DESPITE PERSISTENCE OF HEGEMONY ISSUE, OGURA, STRESSING CONFIDENTIALITY, DISCLOSED THAT CHINESE AGREED TO BEGIN DRAFTING TREATY WHILE CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF HEGEMONY IN PARALLEL.

2. COMMENT: IN PRESS BACKGROUNDER REPORTED BY FRIENDLY JOURNALIST, TOGO DESCRIBED SITUATION AS "QUESTION OF WHAT JUDGMENT TO MAKE AND WHEN" SUGGESTING THAT TIMING OF SOLUTION AS IMPORTANT AS SUBSTANCE. FOR JAPANESE, TIMING IS INDEED DELICATE. THEY DO NOT WANT TO CONCLUDE PFT IN WHAT MOSCOW WOULD REGARD AS UNSEEMLY HASTE, NOR CAN THEY APPEAR TO BE KNUCKLING UNDER TO SOVIET DEMANDS. AT THE SAME TIME GOJ WANTS TREATY WITH PEKING, PREFERABLY IN TIME FOR CURRENT SESSION OF DIET.

3. OUR SENSE OF SITUATION IS THAT JAPANESE BELIEVE SOLUTION TO SUBSTANCE PROBLEM IS FEASIBLE AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN TIMING DEEMED RIGHT. END COMMENT.
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